

REGULAR MEETING BLOSSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
MARCH 4, 2025

The regular meeting of the Blossburg Municipal Authority was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

The following members were present: Chairman M. Stoudt, Vice Chairman J. Bubacz Jr., Treasurer P. Bauman, Secretary S. Hall, and member F. Wasowicz. Also present was G. Lloyd, Borough Manager and L. Lazouras, Recording Secretary.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7: 00 PM.

Section 1: All reports to be accepted in one motion

A.) MINUTES

The minutes from the 2/4/25 meeting were brought up for discussion. George noted on Page 3, under A.) There were 2 separate requests. HRG REQUEST No. 18 was for engineering, and No. 19 from Insight for sewer lines. P. Bauman asked if they did laterals also, and they did find some problems and will figure out the cost to repair them. They will be working on Gulick coming down Main St. Some places had a toilet overflow which could mean the vent is plugged and there was no place for the air being put in to go. Mike said when the building codes were updated, you are to have vents on everything.

B.) TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILL PAYMENT

Treasurer P. Bauman read the treasurer's report and bill list. J. Bubacz asked if we had enough last month to pay our sewer bills since we had to make the RUS loan payment #3. P. Bauman had to make a transfer of \$35,200 from sewer money earning higher interest being held in the BWC MMI #6018, to BMA RF MMI #7218, which in turn was transferred to the BMA STP Project account #5812 to make the loan payment. There being no further discussion on the bills, a motion was made by J. Bubacz, seconded by S. Hall, "That the minutes, treasurer's report and bill payments be accepted." All in favor.

Section 2: Old Business

A.) WATER UPDATE. SALT WELL 15

Nothing on the well. The members were given a copy of the Primary Facility Water report Dan has to file with DEP each year for the entire system. They want you to have the unaccounted water below 20%, and we were at 28% so we have been looking for leaks. George said two years ago we were below 20. George said water leaks are hard to find unless they pop up above ground. We have the man from Rural Water that is retired to come try to locate them, and there is another man, Glen Cowles that can come also. S. Hall asked about freezing pipes from the cold weather we have had, but there have not been a lot. We did have a few meter bottoms that had to be replaced.

B.) DELINQUENTS

C.) INFILTRATION

Insight has been doing lines, and we get a video so Chad can look at it for bad connections.

D.) WATER FUTURE I-99/BUSINESS 15 CORRIDOR

They were looking for more funds. UTTRA got a loan for \$994,000, 2.5% interest and a two million plus grant. The estimated customer charge will be about \$68.00 a

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month. The customer is required to connect if they are within 150 feet of the water main. T. Wellington said the customers themselves will not have to pay the tapping fee since they will be paying enough for a monthly bill. Down the road if a person wants to hook on, they will have to pay the tapping fee. They will be metered.

E.) CASSELBERRY

George said he is still working in Arnot. When they first drilled there was plenty of water but there was iron, so they pulled the pump up 60 feet, but still got iron. They have it running to see if it will clear up. George said it tastes tinny. George said the water at our #3 well is good. Jim has another location by mine 5 going outside of Arnot to drill. DEP is funding the project.

F.) OLD HOSPITAL

G.) TAYLOR RUN TANK/NEW CHLORINE BUILDING

Mike said everything is going well. Dan has been checking the water level in the tank, which is to be 39-40 feet, and how it operates to shut itself off. Martz has been in contact with Mike.

H.) NEW STP

Matt is at the plant and keeps George up to date on how things are operating. He will have to take a test eventually. They had a problem with the sludge press but got it operating. George said the sludge that comes out is nice and dry like topsoil and is taken to the dump. We use 50 gallons of polymer that cost \$650.00. We do not have to shovel out of the drying beds anymore. There is built up after winter and the outside temperature affects the bugs working properly. George said there is no odor. There will be another inspection in May which will be the one-year anniversary.

I.) BRAY WTP EVALUATION

He is working on this and will submit what we will want to do.

J.) BR DAM

We wait until spring to see if the work we had done will make it not necessary to do the dam.

K.) PAINT BR TANK

The company will be back in May to check it before the warranty runs out. Mike received information from Penelec to extend the line across the road, set the pole, and the cost will be around \$10,500. Crossing the road will require a highway occupancy permit. A motion was made by S. Hall, seconded P. Bauman, "That we pay for the pole and the permit." All in favor, It should be done by the end of May. We will have to go underground about 100 feet and the meter set around the back side of the tank.

L.) CYBERSECURITY-Joe has nothing to report.

M.) GENERATORS

We got 2 bids: 1.) Denny Electric-\$43,501.50 and 2.) Cummins \$41,430.00. We do not have to get a transfer switch because the one we have can be reused. Cummins support comes from Williamsport and Harrisburg. When they set up Taylor Run, they came from Syracuse. The members discussed going with Cummins, since they did

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our other one is familiar with the project and was the lower bid. A motion was made by S. Hall, second F Wasowicz, "That we accept the bid from Cummins." All in favor. A 22-week lead time is required. We have a proposed equipment proposal from Cummins for the Sportsman's well and Taylor Run. It includes a one-year up to 5-year price. The total is \$13,620.41. A motion was made by F. Wasowicz, seconded by J. Bubacz, "That we accept the proposal." All in favor.

N.) METERS

O.) FIRE HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

Leesa noted that Penelec just replaced their pole which was hit at the same time as the hydrant. She wondered if Penelec had gotten the driver's information to bill him, so asked Mike if he could check with his Penelec contacts to see if they did. If so, we can get it from them.

Section 3: New Business

A.) HRG REQUEST-No. 20 USDA FUNDING GRANT MONEY

This is for HRG for engineering from 1/1-2/2/25 in the amount of \$6,350.50. We still need the red line drawings and there will be the final inspection. A motion was made by P. Bauman, seconded by S. Hall, "That we sign Requisition #20 USDA, per their approval. All in favor. S. Hall and J. Bubacz signed the papers.

A letter had been received from T. Wellington, RUS, regarding the remaining project funds, dated 2/13/25. Our project is substantially complete, and it appears there will be remaining grant funds after all approved costs are paid. It is the intent of RD, since the final inspection is completed, to cancel any remaining grant funds. The Chairman suggested we do not sign the paper at this time since we are coming up on our one-year anniversary and are waiting for the drawings, plus doing the sewer mains work. All in agreement.

B.) REPSOL ROYALTY

#86 was received 2/20 in the amount of \$56,992.76, which was deposited directly into the BWC Royalties MMI. The report was in the packets. The Treasurer transferred all but \$2,000 to avoid a bank charge to BWC MMI #6018. The report is for 12/24.

C.) C&N INTEREST STATEMENTS, CD'S, FCCB

The Treasurer reviewed the statements. Rates have not changed much at either bank. Nothing comes due until next month.

D.) TAPPING FEES

S. Bray is working on the sewer rate. We have extended some lines around town in the 1990's so George and Leesa are researching through back files.

E.) WATER LINE STATE YARD

George had talked to the man he is dealing with about a week ago. He wondered what the tap in fee would be for water and George told him around \$1,800. There should be a 6" line if they do it. They have to submit the plan to their legal department. George said there would probably be a pump needed.

F.) S. Bray submitted our annual Chapter 94 Waste Load Management Report to DEP.

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Section 4: Borough Manager's Report

A.) George said they have started looking for a different vehicle. This pickup would be for Chad to drive, and George would drive the truck Chad uses now. He is taking this to the next Council meeting. The truck would have a plow and back lift gate. It would be an F350 and use gas. They priced a new truck with everything and would cost about \$78,000. They are looking through Costars to see if there is a good used truck around.

B.) George said depending upon the balance we still have with RUS, and with their approval, he would like to continue to do sewer main work on Carpenter to the river, Mill, Diehr, Lynd Streets, across McIntyre to the Island.

C.) George received a call on 2/27 from Nelson Boro, requesting if we had extra water. An email had been sent to the members. They were in a pickle as they get their water from the Cowanesque River, but the river is frozen, so they are only getting mud. They will have the expense of cleaning their plant and also are looking for emergency funds from REN and the County Commissioners. They possibly need 40,000 gallons of water a day for the next 7 days. George told them they could get water here. Wellsboro was going to charge them \$8.00 per 1,000. George wondered if we could give them the water as a we will help you, you can help us in the future. Steve said the cost of hauling the water could be very expensive for them. By email all members approved our donation to them by not charging for the water. A motion was made by S., Hall, seconded by F. Wasowicz, "That we waive the cost of getting water from us since they have to pay trucking fees." All in favor. George noted rain is coming so that will greatly help them.

D.) A letter was sent to the Yoder's regarding their request about the Dorn property that this land is for water resources and we will not lease the property.

E.) A letter was sent to Youth Soccer that we do not make donations to any organizations.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM on motion of S. Hall, second P. Bauman, with all in favor.

CHAIRMAN-----

TREASURER-----